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COVER

Claire J. Weist's own little obstreperous Domestic and a neighbor's angelic Siamese posed in Ballston Lake, N. Y., for this special Christmas cover.

Mrs. Weist has designed **CATS** Christmas gift announcements, and is well-known for other cat and kitten studies.

CATS AND CHRISTMAS

Even at Christmas—when almost everybody is happy—cat owners it seems to me are especially blessed.

In our schizophrenic era of divided generations, small homes, split family group, the age-old spirit of our great religious and family festival of joyous giving still survives. It's almost hidden, it's true, by many of its trappings, but the spirit of love and of unselfish sharing still shows here and there through the warp and woof of the weaving crowds of shoppers, above the glitter of the clashing signs, and behind the insistent blare of the TV pitchman's "Buy it!"

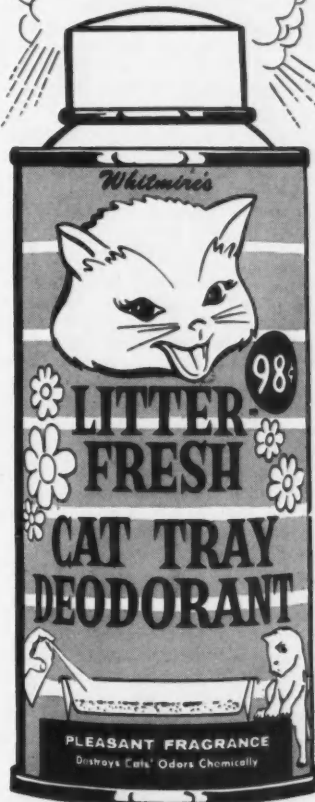
Particularly where there are children do cats and kittens help recreate the large-family atmosphere of the past. With someone smaller and weaker than ourselves to help and care for we learn, slowly perhaps, but permanently the profound truths that love is something shared, that it is in the giving of ourselves that we gain the real human values.

Thus, as the pressures of economics and society tend to devitalize the family and fragmentize our traditions, our pets fill an ever greater need: in individual development and as an additional factor in family strength.

The spirit of the great family holiday and the great family pet go hand in hand in giving being to the human attitudes which make Christmas the high point of the year.

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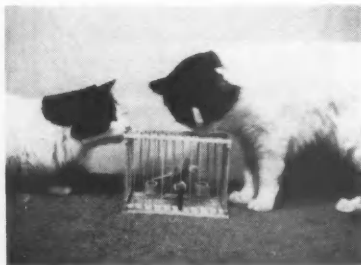
It is rather complicated for people in that country to get magazines from the United States. Perhaps a quote from her letter would throw a little light on the subject:

"It is very, very difficult to send dollars away. Last year I got my subscription through a news agency but since our present Government has clamped down on overseas funds this firm is now out of action. I have been everywhere trying to get a permit to renew my subscription. I told the man in the Reserve Bank a very pathetic tale of how I needed CATS magazine in connection with my hobby of cat breeding. He turned my application down flat."

As soon as I hear from you I shall mail a check and proper address in New Zealand to which CATS is to be sent. Perhaps some of your other readers, knowing of the exchange difficulties will want to send CATS to their friends abroad.

Mrs. R. A. Brown

3410 Hillcrest Road
Harrisburg, Pa.



IN WONDERLAND

Dear Editors:

I am enclosing a picture of my two cats, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum. I regret I didn't know about CATS Magazine sooner. It is a delight for all cat lovers. A source of information, too.

I like the Question Box especially. I enjoy the ads for they offer so many good and useful things for our pets.

The letter from Mrs. Goodwill in the August issue was misleading. The new city ordinance doesn't prohibit more than three cats to a family, it just requires a special permit to keep more than three.

Joreen Royce

1428 Norton Avenue
Glendale 2, California.



NUMBER PLEASE

Dear Editors:

We became cat owners only a year ago when we found Edsel. Now, we could not imagine a home without him. When we are not careful, he answers the phone by knocking it off the hook. Is it at all unusual for a cat to be intrigued by water? He certainly is interested in it in all forms.

We enjoy your magazine. Keep printing the cute short stories.

Mr. & Mrs. Feverherm

176 James Street
Newark 3, New Jersey

NOTE TO LANDLORDS

Dear Editors:

My only criticism of CATS Magazine is that it is folded when mailed to me. Such a pity to ruin the lovely covers!

I find every issue so interesting. Though my two lovely Siamese are in Cat Heaven (I hope), and my home is a lonesome place indeed.

My neighbors' purr babies come visiting quite often and their owners borrow the magazines for discussion. I hope they will soon become subscribers themselves.

I have wondered if the Back Fence article is written by one person or if it is taken from people who write in. I find it delightful and have over sixty years' memories of "cat doings" as I have lived with kitties all my life. I've had all types—from so called Alley (I hate the term) to aristocrats.

My last two lived to be seventeen and eleven years old respectively. I am now living where no animals were allowed, but it wasn't long before a so-called cat-hater was taking down the sign "No animals on the premises". Thanks to my imps' charm they had won another victory with good manners. All my neighbors including the manager mourn the passing of Susie Q and Quene Te, as does their owner.

Dorothy R. Fisk

837 East Calaveras St.
Altadena, Calif.

GOOD FOR YOU

Dear Editors:

CATS Magazine is a good educational magazine and as far as I am concerned it is just perfect. The pictures, especially those on the cover, are wonderful.

My little girls can scarcely wait to see each new issue and exclaim over every cat's expression. I believe a magazine such as yours should be in every home where there are children. The stories and articles are splendid examples of humane education for them.

Mrs. H. K. Janssen

425 Tonti Avenue
South Bend 17, Indiana

COMPLETE PAWDICURE?

Dear Editors:

My wife and myself are appreciative of the good job you folks are doing in making your magazine so interesting and helpful to cat lovers such as we are.

Sometimes we wonder if we owners of cats often times unintentionally become unappreciative of our pets until we have been privileged to have CATS Magazine in our homes.

Incidentally, why doesn't one of your interested readers write up an authoritative article covering home methods of manicuring for cats that are confined to a great extent.

Thanks again to the editors for the complete coverage that you are giving your readers.

The Smarts

153 Commonwealth St.
Franklin Sq., L. I., New York



AS MAINE GOES

Dear Editors:

Presenting Tiger Boy. He is my six-year-old neuter and a wonderful example of a true Maine Coon cat.

We really enjoy your magazine and have found many helpful suggestions and interesting articles. I hope there will always be a CATS Magazine.

Mrs. Robert Whittemore

RFD #1
Augusta, Maine

THE THOUGHT BEHIND IT

A Christmas Story by Elizabeth Hamilton

The town, so small, so smug, a pin-cushion stripped of its summer velvet and frozen clean, rose up in front of the weary cat. He was wandering from farm to farm, having returned one morning to find his own deserted by his human family. His searching, his seeking, had brought him here across the wasted fields that stretched behind him, flat and uninhabited. His chosen game had gone underground, and he was hungry.

Shabby but proud, striped shoulders and sides thin, white boots dingy and unkempt, but head and tail high, the cat circled the town once, then loped up sloping snow-covered streets to its center, gazing intently at stately houses in rows and shops as bright as packages for the season. He knew it was Christmas; he had in his wanderings seen gifts given and received, heard the carols sung, and smelled the special smells. He thought of himself as a gift he'd give gladly; but who would receive him?

Creeping unhappily under a parked car, he began to wash his sore, tired feet. Perhaps he fell asleep, for the song of bells in the cold air startled him. Quickly alert, he pinned back his ears and peeked out from under the car. The bells clanged and jangled, and when the wide, high doors of the church opened, a burst of people tumbled down the broad steps: tall and fat and short and thin, bundled in furs and mufflers. The cat watched the people cluster and part and reassemble, and heard the bells singing in the sky.

Suddenly two pairs of boots came to a halt beside the car under which he was hiding. Terrified, he bellied back.

"I saw something under the car, Mummy." The cat recognized the voice of a little boy. He trembled, remembering

various little boys who had been less than kind to him, and scurried to the other side of the car to make his escape. But another car, its wheels churning eddies of snow, rushed by. The cat pulled his body back quickly, turned, and found himself gazing into a little boy face. It was attached to a square body stuffed into a thick quilted snowsuit of red, but no more red than the round face, circled with brown fur and pierced with enormous, shining black eyes. The cat and the little boy stared at one another. Suddenly the little boy's face disappeared.

"Mummy, mummy, mummy! Look, look, look!"

The round face reappeared, and beside it another, oval and pale. The cat wished he could melt into the snow on the street, for the pale oval face looked at him so mercilessly that he was ashamed of his broken whiskers, his dull fur, his sore paws—his ugliness.

"It's only a cat, Philip."

"I want it, I want it. Look it's hurt. Its paws is sick."

"Its paws *are* sick, Philip. But they're not really. It knows how to take care of itself. Cats do, you know."

"I want it, I want it. It's Christmas." "You got a silver pistol and a red rocking horse and a box for your toys."

"I didn't want any of that stuff. I wanted an elephant."

"Philip, you're being silly again. I told you this morning about Christmas gifts. If we don't get just exactly what we want—like elephants—we're grateful for what we do get, because it means people love us and want to make us happy."

"That kimono I gave you didn't make you so happy."

"But the thought behind it made me happy."

"I didn't think anything behind it. Daddy bought it for me to give to you."

The little boy's mother sighed faintly. "It's a lovely kimono, Philip," she said, "and I like it very much." The oval face disappeared. "Come along now. Your father is waiting at home."

"No, no, no! I want him." A mittened hand thrust toward the cat and he drew back. "His paws is sick and I want him."

"Come along, Philip."

"No, no, no!"

"Philip!"

The cat watched with a sadness he could not understand as the little boy straightened up, then trundled his red square body into the car. The last the cat saw of the little boy was his zippered boots as they left the ground and swung out of sight. Then the car door slammed. As the other pair of boots, fur-topped and resolute, walked around the front of the car, the cat threw himself out from beneath the car and rushed toward the church, never stopping till he had reached the shrubbery

on one side of the wide high doors. He dove helter-skelter into it, nicking his ears on the frozen twigs, and tried to hide his ugly self behind its naked branches. He looked toward the street. The car was just pulling away, and he could see a flushed face pressed against the glass, looking back, and a chubby arm, bundled in red, waving. Then the car vanished. The cat was alone. The church was deserted; its bells had ceased to fill the air; no more furs and mufflers came down its steps. The whole world was empty and silent, white and cold, uncaring.

Treating his paws—the little boy was right, they were sick from the days and nights of wandering—the cat thought of how hungry he was. But in all this town he hadn't found a garbage can. It was too clean a town for garbage cans. It was too smug a town to give scraps to a stray. It was too small a town for him. Having made his decision he curled his paws, clean now but still sore and tender, beneath himself and closed his eyes. He went to sleep.

"Psst, cat. Psst, Mr. Cat!"

All in a moment the cat woke up, scrambled to his feet, arched his back, and fanned his fur.

"I'm not going to hurt you. Come here."

A chubby arm, thick with red padding, reached toward him around the shrubbery. The cat looked steadily into the black eyes and moved further away. The arm followed, balance was undone; the little boy, overly bundled and awkward on his booted feet, toppled into the snow. He half-laughed, half-sobbed. The cat stood quite still and watched the little boy put himself back together again, piece by piece, scuffling about on the snow till he got his legs beneath him, then, putting his elbows on the ground, chugging to his feet. He wiped his eyes with mittened fists, then stooped down and gazed at the cat entreatingly.

"I won't hurt you, cat. I mean Mr. Cat. Mr. Pussy Cat."

The cat sidled back and forth on the opposite side of the shrubbery, sizing up the little boy. He looked like a nice little boy, with his black dancing eyes and his red snowsuit and mittened hands. The cat guessed he could get away from this little boy if he tried. He moved slowly from behind the shrubbery. The little boy smiled and touched the cat on the back. The cat stood very still and listened inside himself: there it was, the faint rumble. He stepped closer to the little boy, who put his head down on the cat's head and listened, too. They stayed in these positions for a long time, listening to the contented vibrations that rumbled within the cat—who forgot that he was hungry.

Suddenly the little boy stood up and said, "Come on Mr. Pussy Cat, I'm taking you home."

He reached his fat arms beneath the cat's stomach and tried to pick him up. Firmly the cat stiffened his legs and squirmed till the little boy had to let go.

"Come on, Mr. Pussy Cat, we've got to (Continued on page 20)



Photo: John Moore

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

*Silky thinks the Christmas tree
Is his; contented as can be,
He naps beneath it, with a rope
Of tinsel, bow-like, at his throat,
That he tugged down from its
boughs,
And, sweet as innocence allows,
He holds his catnip mouse and
purrs:
"It's nice when Christmas-time oc-
curs!"*

—Jessie Cannon Eldridge

KITTEN AND FIRST SNOW

Today he discovered
His very first snow;
He walked up and down,
Making tracks in a row.

He stayed out awhile,
Then came in for a nap,
And with snowy paws
Jumped up on my lap.

As white as the snow
That was drifted quite deep,
A damp, furry ball,
He fell fast asleep.

—Louise Darcy

KITTEN AT PLAY

The afternoon he slept away
A white and yellow ring
Of sun warmed fur, his amber eyes
Are hooded, fathoming
A half-remembered feline lore,
Some cabalistic jinx
Gathered from his ancestors
In shadow of the Sphinx.
He wakes, he stirs, rolls over once
And stretches out his paws,
He yawns to show his curling
tongue,
Then flexes lethal claws.
His movement is unrivaled grace,
How swift his fancy turns;
The jungle grasses now are tall
(He stalks the bed of ferns).
He crouches, muscles quivering
With switching tail and eyes laid
back,
His every instinct, held in leash
Is marshalled for attack.
He springs, yet deals no lethal
wound,
Nor feels chagrin, the tease
Has been aware his prey is but
A feather in the breeze.

—Anona McConaghy

PLEA FOR SIX KITTENS

I discovered something
Just last week,
And I know I can't be wrong.
My kitty has a motor
That goes 'most all day long.

It runs louder when I pat her,
Or cuddle her up tight,
And tho' I'm not exactly sure,
I think it runs all night.

'Cause one night about a week ago
I sat up with a start
In bed, to hear her motor
A-purring in the dark.

I switched the light,
Then tiptoed out,
And much to my surprise,
Six fluffy baby kittens
Were there before my eyes.

Mom says we have too many cats,
But she'll *never* find a mouse,
With six tiny little motors
A-purring 'round our house.

—Vivian Scheffler Maye

BETRAYAL

Tabby, leap upon my lap,
Give my cheek your tender tap;
Knead my apron, flex your claws,
Give unrationed love because
Now no pansy kitten faces
Claim their semi-annual places.
I accept (who wouldn't hurt you)
Grace from operated virtue.

—Marion H. Smith

THE CAT WANTS OUT— OR DOES SHE?

She jumps from her chair with a
loud "Me-ow!"
Hurry, the cat wants out, right now!
I open the door, she stops to stare,
*Did I think she wanted to go some-
where?*
A cat from the barn sits hunched
outside,
She eyes him, then looks at me, mys-
tified.
*Who'd want to be out in this wild
gale?*
She washes her paw and waves her
tail,
Then looks once more at the wind
and rain,
—And jumps back into her chair
again.

—E. F. Field

IN THE STABLE

*Warm, the Babe on Mary's bosom
Cuddled in her mantle's fold.
But the stable-cave was draughty.
Mary sighed: "My feet are cold."*

*Crept a gray cat, crept her kittens,
Snuggled round Our Lady's feet.
To their happy, purring worship
Child and Mother slumbered sweet.*

—Ruhama Jans

W H O ? ? ?

Who is it, when I'd read or rest,
Deploys his frame upon my chest?
Who'd rather sleep upon my bed
Than with his doting "Pop" in-
stead?
Who brings in birds and shrews and
mice,
Then lets them loose within a trice?

Who shakes his foot at beef or fish
Until you add wine to the dish?
Who eats a dozen times a day,
Or simply sleeps his life away?
Who dotes on shrimp and corn and
crab?
Who's very good or very bad?

Who spurns all guests who think he's
great,
But snuggles those he'd satiate?
Who has the beauty of a god?
Whose voice would lead you out of
fog?
And who picks up the pesky flea,
Which then deserts its host for me?

Who sharpens claws on finest robes?
Who nibbles at my naked toes?
Who makes me dress in beige or
grey
Because the brushing's less that
way?
Who rules my life; who's for the
birds?
Who's far beyond the power of
words?

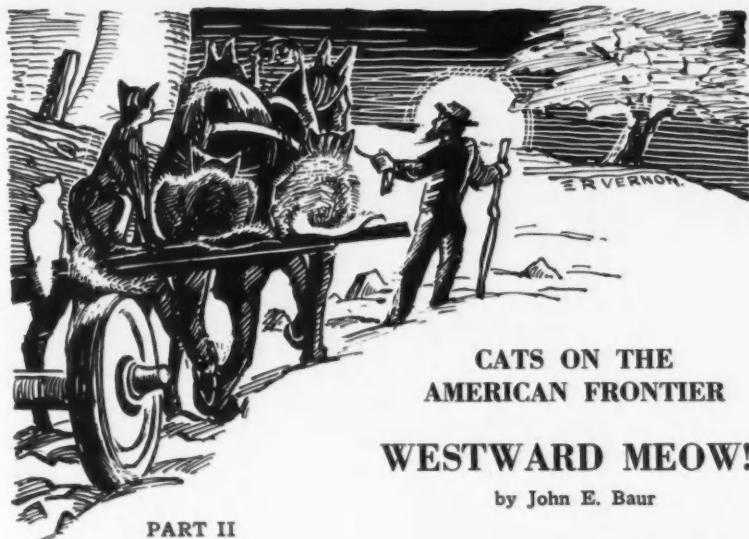
Who is it everyone must please?
Why BUTCH! The cross-eyed Si-
amese!

—Lois Hallin

CAT NAP

*Whisker tuned for mousely skitter,
Kitten wail, or feathered twitter,
Ear to ground and nose to air
(Careless canine, best beware!)*
*Relaxed in sun at her chosen post,
The cat sleeps—almost.*

—Margaret Evelyn Singleton



CATS ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER WESTWARD MEOW!

by John E. Baur

PART II

Hardly had the Mormons settled in Utah when the Mexican War was concluded, adding Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California to the American nation. Nine days before the peace treaty was signed, gold had been discovered in California. That was on January 24, 1848. By the end of 1854, a quarter million adventurers from all corners of the earth had poured into the Golden State seeking quick riches. They changed a quiet Spanish and Mexican ranching province into an English-speaking American commonwealth with large cities, a state government, and unbounded hopes for the future.

Felis, of course, was already in California, and his value as a mouser had been recognized and rewarded long before anyone knew there was gold on the Pacific coast. But now that boom towns sprang up haphazardly and vast food supplies were shipped west and stored away at sky-high inflationary prices, he became vitally important. California was more dangerous for its rats and fleas than for its Indians and grizzly bears, but Felis was about to do something about the rodents.

At first rat terriers and other rodent-destroying dogs did the work. C. W. Haskins, a pioneer who knew the country intimately, tells us that in the northern mines in 1849:

There also was seen the old faithful family house-dog, who had followed patiently and wearily through sandy deserts and over mountains the train of his master to find a new and a more pleasant home upon the Pacific slope, but up to the spring of '50 not a single cat, or "Kitty," was seen in this part

of the mining regions. Many started with the trains but died before reaching here.

In the fall of '50 many were occasionally seen, having been brought from Oregon and the lower part of California.

Overland pioneers persisted in taking Felis along, and the fittest of his species survived. Another California pioneer, Mrs. D. B. Bates, remarked in 1857 that, "It is astonishing how much one of those wagons will hold. I saw one passing with holes cut in the canvas on one side, and a child's face peeping out at every one of those holes. Besides the children it contained, there were cats, dogs, bed and bedding, cooking-stove, tin pans. . . ."

And, if G. W. Thissell, a veteran of the trail in 1850, was accurate in his reminiscences, then Felis could be a hero, too. He tells of James Philly, his wife, and children, who left Missouri in April of that year. Philly's little daughter, May, cried until she was allowed to take along her pet cat, Jip. By the time the party had reached the headwaters of the Humboldt River in Nevada, all the men were near starvation and May was skin and bones, too weak even to eat the coarse food they had saved for her. Each morning, however, a rabbit was found at the tent door where they camped. Jip had brought it. Willows grew near the river, and there rabbits were plentiful for a natural hunter who knew how to catch them. When at last the remnants of the party reached Ragtown on the Carson River, a trader in need of a companion and a good ratter offered \$100 for Jip. There was no sale.

This man was not the only wanderer who found solace in the company of man's severest critic. In 1852 J. Lamson had come from New England to mine; he spent the next winter in the redwood country of California. It was a cold December, and he complained bitterly:

I had a cat. She has been with me all

day; but now, when the society of any domestic animal would be some relief against the tedium of deep loneliness, even she has left me and instead of the purring of a gentle house cat, I am for a moment startled by the dismal howling of a wild animal outside my cabin. I am unfortunately possessed of an unsocial disposition; I love solitude, but I have at last found a solitude more profound than I have a taste for.

Evidently Kitty hadn't! And yet many another Argonaut knew less fickle felines. C. W. Haskins describes for us what became of many a forty-niner in his old age when prospecting became poor pickings. By the 'nineties a good number of veteran miners hated to return to their old haunts, changed by time and "progress" and inhabited by strangers; often they moved into the wilderness, seldom visiting towns "but hermit-like pass their time in company with their favorite cat or dog."

Samuel Clemens, forever known to literature as Mark Twain, was a great admirer of cats. In fiction he immortalized a gold rush cat, "Tom Quartz." Tom was a large gray fellow of great wisdom and dignity who allowed no familiarity whatsoever. A true Argonaut, he was above rat-catching and only wanted to mine, but he was prejudiced against the later quartz mining, particularly after he had been blown up by blasting powder left in a shaft where he was snoozing.

The California gold rush made urgent some regular form of transportation and communication across the Plains and the Rockies to the Pacific coast, and so by the 'fifties the overland stage and several freighting companies began to supply the need. In that pre-railroad age, Western travel by coach was difficult, dangerous, and downright uncomfortable. A. K. McClure, however, was not too worn out by his trip west in 1868 to describe the stage stations at which he stopped. The "swing stations" where horses were changed consisted of a crude stable built of logs or covered with earth. In a little corner partitioned off the stationman cooked, ate, slept, read, and played with his pets. McClure observed that:

In every instance I was first greeted by one or more cats. They are the inseparable companions of the stable-men, and usually answer to the tenderest names. They always come stepping out as soon as the stage stops, and approach the passengers, giving the most cordial

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In part one of "Westward Meow" last month, Mr. Baur followed his hero Felis Catus during his adventures with the Conquistadores and in young America. This month we learn of Felis' part in the Gold Rush and the "Wild West." Illustrations are by Elba Riffe Vernon.



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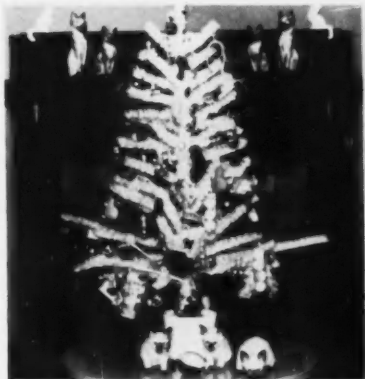


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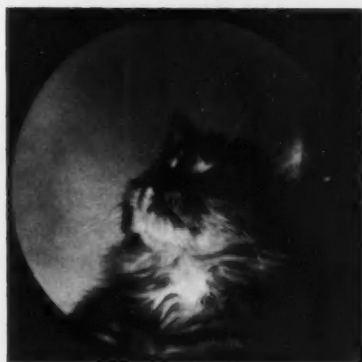
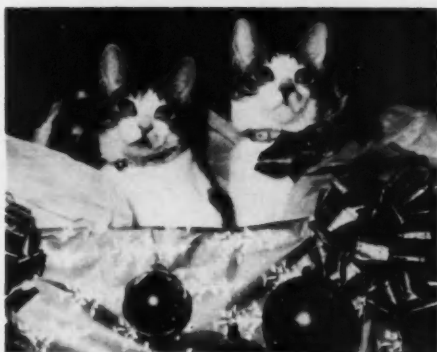
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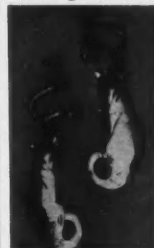
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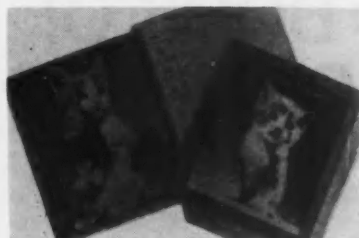
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CATS IN THE BELFRY, by Doreen Tovey, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York. Illustrated by Maurice Wilson. 163 pages. \$2.95.

Your reviewer all but missed the December deadline by reading, then rereading, by choosing and then rechoosing the best quotable quotes in the pages of this delightful book. Anyone who has written about animals could in honesty wish they had authored this one.

Wonderfully clever, this British lady begins by relating the antics of such amusing mice that you almost wish you had a family of them in residence. When they begot such phrases as, "He would come out into the open, sit up on his haunches with a piece of bread sticking rakishly out of the corner of his mouth and look up with the expression of an American millionaire wondering how much to offer for Cleopatra's Needle" you yearn for them. However, mass destruction and "turkish flag damask tablecloths" demanded Philistine recourse. They went cat shopping, both Mrs. Tovey and her husband. They had decided to get a Seal Point but when they found Sugieh, a small Blue Point enchantress who "sat there on the hearth-rug like a small girl with her suitcase packed ready to go on a holiday, her eyes screwed tight with anticipation," they took her home. She knew they had come for her.

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Mrs. Tovey has the ability to make you love and laugh at one and the same instant. You'll love James, the neuter who

taught frustrated lady-cats there is more to life than romance; you'll like Father Adams who, on finding out about stud fees, shouted that nobody but an old maid would have thought of such a thing and he was damned if he'd encourage her; you are bound to be captivated by Solomon, the Pagliacci who, bested in hunting by Sheba his sister, would "when he could bear it no longer, dawdle up on his long,



sad, spidery legs, head down so Sheba shouldn't see what he was carrying, and present us with a soggy leaf. Then he would sit down, imploring us with all his small Siamese heart to make believe that he had caught something, too."

The entire 361 pages sparkle with gentle humor. It radiates awareness for little expressions and situations that most of us are too busy to notice. It says, "I LOVE CATS, and people are pretty funny too."

The illustrations are more than adequate and, coupled with the text, should make the Siamese breeders a busy group.

—J. L.

PLAIN & FANCY CATS, by John Beecroft, Rinehart & Company, Inc., New York. 436 pages. Photographs by Walter Chandoha. \$4.95.

Another great collection of cat literature, *Plain & Fancy Cats* is equally as impressive as Frances Clarke's *Of Cats and Men* and Brandt Aymar's *The Personality of the Cat* published earlier this year. Together these three volumes make it possible for any cat lover to have much of this century's great writing about cats



EDITED BY JOHN BEECROFT

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While Mr. Beecroft duplicates a few of the selections in "Personality," the plan of his work is somewhat different from that of the other two anthologies: instead of compiling numerous relatively short articles and excerpts, he has included complete the book-length classics Michael Joseph's *Charles*, Colette's *The Cat*, May Sarton's *The Fur Person*, Lloyd Alexander's *My Five Tigers*, seasoned with shorter samples of feline lore from such as Carl Van Vechten, Agnes Repplier, Margaret Cooper Gay, and Don Marquis.

Several Chandoha photographs are included, some duplicates of those appearing in "Personality."

Mr. Beecroft has brought under one cover many of the greatest expressions of man's concept of the cat and of the human-feline relationship. Most of them have an emotional as well as an artistic beauty difficult to describe. In these works of understanding such as *The Fur Person*, of deep friendship such as *Charles*, and of humor and everyday relationships, the felineophile will find his own life and his own attitudes being broadened and deepened. —B. D.



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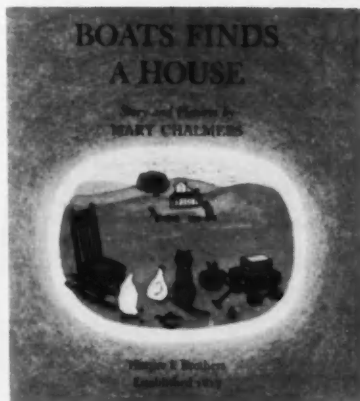
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THE FRENCH CAT, by Siné. Simon Schuster, New York. \$1.00.

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WIDGET, by Clare Turlay Newberry, Harper & Brothers, New York. \$2.50.

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rushing to her rescue. Safely cuddled back in the box, Widget decides home is best.

Clare Newberry did both story and pictures. That young one who generally greets you with, "What did you bring me?," should be most happy if you hand him this book in reply. —J. L.

Illustrations from dust jackets by Maurice Wilson, Walter Chandoha, Mary Chalmers, Clare Turlay Newberry. Photographic series by B. Peerless (Globe) from "The Big Book of Cats and Kittens." Punning cats by Siné from "The French Cat."



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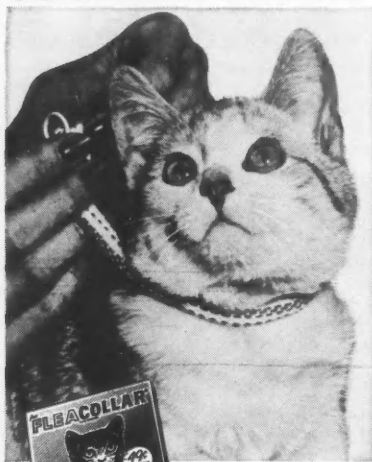
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PART I

The three basic essentials to the life of a cat are oxygen, water and food. Without oxygen life ends immediately. Water is next in importance. Seventy percent of the body of a cat is made up of water and if it is not available the body will use up its own liquids and life will end within a few days. If such a thing could be said, food would be of least importance. A healthy cat can maintain life for a comparatively long period of time without food. It can call upon its bodily reserves and can exist for weeks or longer if oxygen and water are available. However, for the continued maintenance of life the cat must eat to survive.

The food which your cat eats is not suitable for use by the body in the form that it enters. All the nutrients from the food must pass through the walls of the digestive tract, and only liquids are able to do that. The breaking down of the solids to a liquid state is the prime purpose of the digestive system. Chemical action by various juices of the system reduces the solids into very small particles which combined with water form a solution that will pass through the lining into the bloodstream where it is carried to every part of the body. It is not as simple as it sounds, but it is a very efficient system and without it there would be no life.

In *The Respiratory Tract* we explained how the cells were supplied with oxygen. This series of articles will deal with nutrition and the digestive system which supplies the food and the water to the millions of cells that make up the body of the cat so that they may continue the process of living. In later articles we shall talk about the Circulatory System which carries the food, water and oxygen to the cells.

In the digestive system, the alimentary canal is the route which the food takes when it enters the body until it leaves in the form of waste products. It consists of the mouth, pharynx, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, and finally the anal opening. The digestive juices are supplied by the salivary glands, gastric juice from the stomach, pancreatic juice from the pancreas, bile from the liver and intestinal juice from the intestines. Let's follow the path of the food through the entire system and see what happens to it before it is excreted from the system.

As we all know, food enters through the mouth at the very beginning of the alimen-

FOOD AND THE DIGES-

tary canal. It is formed by the lips in front, the cheeks on the side, the hard palate (the roof of the mouth), the soft palate behind the hard palate, the teeth, and the tissues of the lower jaw. Everything is covered on the inside with a mucous membrane lining, over a layer of muscles which is covered on the outside by the skin upon which the fur grows. The lips and the cheeks hold the food within the mouth, so that it does not spill out, and they help hold the food up against the teeth so they may cut and grind it into smaller pieces.

The tongue within the mouth is a most remarkable organ. During the chewing process it not only holds the food against the teeth but when the cat tires of chewing on one side it transfers it to the other side. After the food has been chewed, the tongue through its muscular action pushes the food to the rear into the pharynx. The tongue is also the organ of taste. All over the top of the tongue are small rounded elevations known as taste buds with each one supplied with a nerve that sends the taste sensation along to the brain where it is recognized. Then, too, a cat's tongue is its prime means of cleaning itself. I love to sit and watch a cat when after eating, it begins its meticulous bath. It is so cute to see that tongue swishing about the lips cleaning off any speck of food that remains. Cats seem to find so much pleasure in this task that I have often thought this is their dessert after a good meal. The roughness of the cat's tongue helps make it a more efficient cleaning tool, as well as to provide its highly developed sense of taste.

Five pairs of salivary glands are situated in the mouth with openings in the mucous membrane lining. These secrete saliva which starts the digestive process. Not only does the saliva aid in digestion but it also serves to lubricate the food for easy passage. I rather imagine you have noticed how a cat in not chewing its food for a sufficient length of time will have a tendency to choke on it because it was either too large or not wet enough to pass through.

In the pharynx at the rear of the mouth the food and the air passages cross. It could be likened to a traffic cop, directing the flow of air and food to their proper destinations. In the process of swallowing, the soft palate blocks the passage of air from the respiratory tract and closes the epiglottis to prevent food from entering the trachea which leads to the lungs. The pharynx was discussed in *The Respiratory Tract*.

The stomach is some distance from the pharynx and is reached by a tube known as the esophagus, or gullet. The esophagus is covered on the inside with a mucous membrane lining, then two layers of muscles, some forming around the tube while others run lengthwise to perform the muscular action which forces food to the stomach.

The stomach is a large pear-shaped

TIVE SYSTEM

muscular organ whose purposes are to mix up the food and to aid in its digestion. The inside is covered with a thick mucous membrane lining. Surrounding this is a thick layer of muscles. Some circle the stomach, some run lengthwise, while others are located obliquely. These muscles turn the food over and over and move it from the front to the rear. The mucous membrane lining is supplied with many, many small openings from which the *gastric glands* secrete the *gastric juice* that is essential in the digestive process. At the end of the stomach is a small round portion known as the *pylorus*. This is part of the muscle of the stomach and acts as a valve. Periodically, it lets a small amount of food through to the intestines. Although the muscles of the stomach and the esophagus move the food towards the intestines they are equally efficient in discharging the food from the stomach out through the mouth. This is very important for there are times when some food may not digest and must be removed, or in cases of poison its action is quick in getting it out of the system.

Time is needed for the food to digest and for this reason the *intestines* are quite long. To fit in the remaining room allotted to them they are coiled very neatly. The *small intestine* is designed similarly to the esophagus. It has an inside mucous membrane, a lining of muscles which circle it, and which also run lengthwise. (The outside walls of the intestines, like those of the esophagus and stomach, are lubricated with a watery serous coating.) The muscular action keeps the food moving along.

The beginning of the small intestine connected to the stomach is known as the *duodenum*, and it is here that the ducts from the *liver* and *pancreas* discharge their particular juices for digestion. The lining is supplied with many, many small blood vessels and has myriads of glands which discharge the *intestinal juice* to further digestion. The inside walls of the small intestine are covered with tiny projections known as *villi* which absorb the nutrients after they have been dissolved. Right here is where the nutrients pass into the blood stream.

The large intestine is much the same in construction as the small intestine, but the inside walls are smooth and contain no villi. Some absorption of nutrients still

takes place in the large intestines, but generally their purpose is to store the waste material and eject it through the anal opening at convenient occasions.

This completes the mechanical aspects of the alimentary tract and next month we shall try to find out what happens to the food within this tract.



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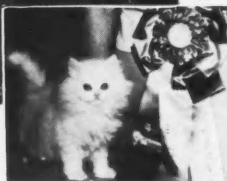
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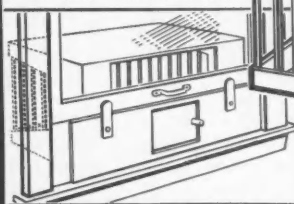
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OUTDOOR CATS

by Marjorie Farnham Schrody

When I moved to the country I resolved to let my cats run out of doors. After all, they are entitled to live a little—the fact that they are purebred, and used for breeding doesn't change the fact that they are still cats. However, this was met with horror . . . and dire prophesies—everything from the tick problem to losing cats to hunters was told me in gloomy tones. "Surely they'll run away . . ." "I know they'll be worthless wild animals . . ." "They'll be ruined for showing . . ." and on and on.

Yes, all these things are possible, but most would never happen. Ticks? Yes! In quantity. But I dust the cats with a preventive (I use Dyril, by Allied Labs), and now the ticks either walk in under their own power, or hitch-hike on me. Our seven-and-a-half acres, as well as the surroundings, are liberally posted with "No Gunning" signs, but of course a hunter could hunt, and possibly shoot the cats (do they really look like deer?)—or shoot me. As for their condition, it's improving rapidly. I hadn't thought it *could* improve . . . but they are getting better muscle, and eat their meals with more gusto.

I doubt if they'd run away, any of them. They are too used to it here, and I like to think they have warm spots in their hearts for us. There is no traffic problem as we are a half mile from the nearest road, and even that one is a Macadam "back road."

A female might get accidentally bred, but as soon as one is in heat she is kept in, caged if necessary. The only accidental breeding I've had of late was some months ago, when one slipped out . . . before we moved here. When pregnant ones are due, they are also caged, and no kits go outdoors unless I'm there. Naturally they come in at night, for meals, and are in and out during the day.

As for them? They love it! They can climb real trees, not scratching posts, and can tear around to their hearts content, without knocking over things.

And I? I love it too! While I frequently do have to run to the door to cater to a whim, I don't have to worry about my bric-a-brac, my dinner, and such, and the "pan detail" has eased up. They are, if anything, more affectionate, and seem to welcome a lap to sit on.

In the beginning, I went out with them,

one at a time, until I was convinced they'd all come when called, and knew the area.

I really recommend the "great outdoors" for cats, if at all possible. Of course, mine are all Shorthairs, so there is no added grooming problem, and I do not clip claws any more—just in case they need to use them.

By the way, it is interesting to note that they don't bother the birds at all. Perhaps in time they will, but now from being indoors so long they either don't know what the birds are, or they have other things on their minds. I have a lovely family of blue jays, and they seem to get along fine together.

I try not to worry about "Kitnappers," for while my cats will come to almost any house guest, I doubt if they'd take up with a stranger outside.

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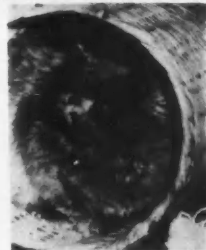
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I took my cat to the veterinarian and he said she had a kidney disease, dropsy and a weakened heart. He gave her a shot and some pills to be taken every twelve hours. A week later I could see she was failing and a call to the doctor's resulted in talking only to the receptionist who said the doctor would call. He didn't. The cat began to suffer quite badly and died the next day. Why do veterinarians, many of them, allow a pet to suffer instead of suggesting the animal be put to sleep?

—Miss J. C. Pessagno

5008 Tulip Avenue, Relay 27, Maryland

Tapping to relieve the fluid in the abdominal cavity in this case, would have given relief for a short period of time. The veterinarian is put in a difficult position in a case like this. If, after an examination and discussion with the owner he does suggest euthanasia, more times than not he is declared incompetent and not caring about the pet. If he prescribes and the animal does not respond, he again is thought of as incompetent. I feel that discussion between the client and the veterinarian, when such a condition as this is present, is all important. Only then can an understanding between the two be reached. All a veterinarian can do when there are several courses to follow, is to give his opinion and then follow the decision of the client.

Is there any way to keep a cat from sucking materials? When my cat is very tired he sucks on our clothes. We have tried everything to break him of this, and hope you can give us an answer.

—Kristine Kaiser

4 Briarcliffe, Collinsville, Ill.

This one sounds like he is reverting to his kitten days. Try to keep the materials he likes away from him, and giving a scolding when he is caught may help. You might substitute a piece of cloth that has been treated with a little mustard or other distasteful substance. His taste might be discouraged by the new flavor.

Why do some veterinarians claim a cat does not need booster shots for enteritis? Is there any harm in repeating booster shots oftener than once a year such as in the spring and again after the show season? After an outbreak of pneumonitis, what steps should be taken to disinfect the premises? How long after decontaminating procedures have been employed is it safe to bring in a female for stud service? Is there a possibility of older cats being immune carriers of this? Has there been a recent discovery to show the need of vitamin C in a cat's diet?

—R.L.M.

Feline panleukopenia (enteritis)—it is recommended that booster inoculations be given annually or semi-annually. No harm oftener, but not necessary. Pneumonitis—complete immunity is not known. Animals that have recovered can be carriers of the disease for variable and long periods afterwards. I would hesitate to give a time period when it would be safe to bring in other cats, as the disease can be kept active in a cattery. I would suggest as a minimum, one month after the last affected cat has been brought to health. Vitamin C—I have been using this both in medicinal form and from the natural state by adding stewed tomatoes to food. It is used mostly for disorders of the mouth or gums. There may have been some recent work done to actually prove that cats need this vitamin, but it has been used as a treatment for quite some time.

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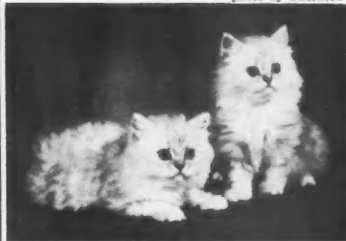
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WESTWARD!(from
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welcome, and rubbing themselves against them to get a kind stroking in return. Sometimes one large tom has the monopoly of the establishment, but generally Tabby follows with her litter, and directs attention, with maternal pride, to her jewels. The little ones will spring into your lap, climb on your shoulders, and purr in your very ears to win a little notice. . . .

I cannot recall a station, in the trip of six hundred miles from Denver here, [western Wyoming] where the cats and dogs did not come out in the most friendly manner to welcome us, and always persisted in pressing their acquaintance until they were recognized kindly.

Although the Indian might adopt Felis as a sort of blood brother, some tribes added cat meat to their menu of delicacies on which dog meat was usually included. In 1857, Erastus Beadle reported the Pawnee of Nebraska begging meat when their hunters were off seeking bison. If the homebodies got nothing from the whites, they would often steal cats or dogs to eat. McClure observed the same practice ten years later at Bridger's Pass, Wyoming, where a station keeper was keenly upset by the "brutal murder," as he called it, of his favorite pet. Indians had skinned his cat. McClure explained:

The Indians well knew that next to scalping the station-keeper himself, they could not have inflicted upon him a deeper wound. "They've skinned her alive, the devils of hell," was his exclamation, and, with gritting teeth, he vowed vengeance. For horses, ranch, clothing, traps, etc. he cared not, but that the Indians should wreck their atrocities upon the pet of his little family, was more than his nature could endure with equanimity.

Until he was within fifty miles of Virginia City, high in the silver-rich Sierra Nevada, McClure found no station where there was no cat. And these cats, he said, were true observers always of Western hospitality, coming forth to be caressed by utter strangers. "One huge cat," he wrote, "welcomed me at one of the stable-doors, cheerfully accepted my introduction, and escorted me to the coach again, purring gayly and rubbing her head against my leg, until I got into the stage, when she mewed me a kind farewell and walked off majestically to her stall."

Grizzled soldiers who fought in the West their worthiest adversaries, the Plains Indians and the Apaches, shared the stationkeeper's and the miner's fondness for pets where women and children were not to be found within a thousand miles or more. In 1890, A. G. Tassin wrote for the *Overland Monthly* of San Francisco a fanciful tale of a "Company Cat," mascot of the army on the frontier, a veteran of camp and campaign who had been "petted, cuffed, and kicked" from Maine to Florida, but, tougher than Twain's equally fictional pussy, never gave up in disgust.

Yes, Felis could be a tough hombre,

too. W. E. Webb, a tenderfoot on a scientific and sporting expedition to the buffalo country in the early 'seventies, witnessed at Hays City the following affair:

. . . in which the air-pirate [a hawk] got worsted. While sitting before the office of the village doctor, a powerful hawk pounced upon his favorite kitten, which lay asleep on the grass, and started off with it. The two had reached an elevation of fifty feet, when puss recovered from her surprise and went to work for liberty. She had always been especially addicted to dining on birds, and the sensation of being carried off by one excited the feline mind to astonishment and wrath. Twisting herself like a weasel her claws came uppermost, and to our straining gaze there was a sight presented very much as if a feather-bed had been ripped open. The surprised hawk had evidently received new light on the subject; it let go on the instant, and went off with the appearance of a badly plucked goose, while the cat came safely to earth and sought the nearest way home.

The early West had its own breed of Dick Whittingtons, but Whittington with American ingenuity and frontier garb. William Thomas, colorfully nicknamed "Phatty" by his cronies, has appeared in many a volume on Western lore because of his ingenious feat. When the Black Hills gold rush took place in what is now South Dakota in the 'seventies, the same old problem of too many rodents quickly appeared. Our hero was a freighter out of Cheyenne, Wyoming, a main supply base for the Black Hills, and when he heard the cry for cats, he got together all the small boys in Cheyenne he could round up and offered them 25 cents for every cat of any description they would bring him. He built a crate, filled it with felines, and freighted them to the mines. When Phatty reached Deadwood, he sold his cargo for \$10 per unit; some veteran mousers brought \$25. This story is outstanding, but it was not unique; similar events, perhaps with less of the monopoly venture involved, took place wherever new towns sprang up.

Felis even sailed beyond the Pacific shore. His presence was noted in the Hawaiian Islands before Yankee missionaries had gone there to convert the Polynesians. But Felis is not usually associated with paganism and savagery. A fighter for freedom, he still loves order and comfort, and long ago became a staunch ally of civilization, if never its serf. Unlike those European animals gone wild, the mustang and the longhorn, only rarely did Felis survive in the Far West as a wild cat; his enemies were too great, their appetites unlimited. On the edge of the frontier, he became a harbinger of the hearth, a purring herald of the American home. The fireside did not long delay in coming once the cat was there, and his numbers grew as the population of Americans increased. Today there are thirty-one million cats in the United States. Many of these might boast of hardy pioneer ancestors who helped "win the West."

Fanciers Forum

SUGGESTED TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CAT SHOW EXHIBITORS

by Henry Trend

1. I will send my entries early, correctly filled out, printed clearly and enclose my check, because I know this will help the show secretary.
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3. I will not take my cat to the hotel room because I know the local club may be embarrassed later because of it.
4. I will not groom my cats in front of my cage because I know that this makes a mess and causes aisle congestion.
5. I will keep clothes and other material from the tops of cages because I know that this gives the Show Room a disordered appearance.
6. I will not ask the manager to transfer my cats to empty cages so that they can be close together because I know this causes the stewards untoward hardship when looking for the cat to be judged.
7. I will not criticize, but only offer constructive suggestions because I know the tremendous pressure that goes with putting on a show.
8. I will offer assistance because I know most shows are under-manned and can use help.
9. I will abide by show rules and ask for no special concessions because I know the Show Management is compelled to abide by Association Rules.
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SIAMESE: EGGHEADS OR HIGHBROWS?

Fanciers Forum:

I have noticed this past season two distinct head types on our good Siamese. One is shaped like an oval with the eyes being the widest part. The other is like a wedge of pie with the broadest part above the eyes.

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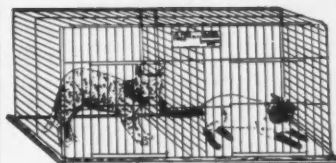
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BEHIND IT

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hurry now."

He started to reach for the cat again, but the cat sidled away and sat down.

"Don't you want to come home with me, Mr. Pussy Cat?"

The cat started to wash his face, looking all around the snow-covered churchyard, but not at the little boy. The gift of himself could only be given once.

"I want you to come home with me. You must come home with me." The little boy moved toward the cat, who put back his ears. Sighing, the little boy turned and crossed the churchyard, then looked back.

"Please come home with me, Mr. Pussy Cat," he said, his little boy's voice a whisper.

The cat showed no signs of having heard, but, as soon as the little boy had toddled uncertainly off down the sidewalk and around the corner, he dropped his indifference like a cloak and moved stealthily after him. The cat liked this little boy, who knew cats had to be asked to do things—had to be asked *please* to do things. Yes, the cat liked this little boy very much. Remembering the pale, frowning face of the little boy's mother, the cat hesitated—she had made him feel ashamed—but, rounding the corner and seeing the

little boy again, trudging along in his awkward boots, the cat thought, yes, I'll give myself to this little boy. And he hurried after him.

When the little boy turned off the sidewalk toward his house, the cat stopped, hesitant once more, and looked down at himself, at his lean sides, his dull stripes, his unkempt boots. For the house, like the woman, made him ashamed. It was a white house, like others on the block, stately and elegant. A Christmas tree glittered in one of its front windows, and an enormous wreath hung on the front door. But despite its Christmas greenery, it looked cold and uncharitable.

The little boy climbed the porch steps clumsily, stood on tiptoe, and pressed his mittened fingers against the doorbell. As the door swung open the cat watched the little boy plump slowly inside. Weighing the gift of himself—the little boy had said *please*—he knew it was important that it be given. With all the speed in his tired body he flew across the yard, up the steps, and into the house just as the door swung shut.

"Oh, Philip!"

The cat looked up into the oval face, still unfriendly and pale. The little boy spun around, and, seeing the cat, stooped down and pressed his head against the cat's head.

"Oh, Mr. Pussy Cat," he said, "thank you, thank you."

"Philip, we'll not have that cat in the house."

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The little boy gasped at the enormity of this idea, looking first at the cat, who crouched askance at the thought of belonging to the woman, and then at his mother, who was frowning more than ever, her hands on her hips, her mouth gaping unbecomingly.

"Philip, I—"

"Sure," he said, "Make daddy take back that kimono. You don't like it anyway. Stay right there, and I'll give you Mr. Pussy Cat."

Hauling the cat into his arms, the little boy stood up. The cat didn't like being held, but this once he allowed this pleasure to this little boy, and, as the little boy put him in his mother's arms, he lay still and concentrated on purring. Slowly the vibrations started, and the more he thought about having given himself to the little boy and allowing the little boy to give him to his mother, the more clearly he seemed to understand the little boy's purpose. Oh, this was a smart little boy he had found. The vibrations in his throat welled and trembled till his purring filled the hall. He peeked up at the woman. She had set her mouth.

"But I don't want Mr. Pussy Cat, Philip."

"Well, I didn't want a pistol or a red rocking horse, either. And you didn't want that kimono." The little boy hesitated, a bit in awe of the possibility of failure. "But Mr. Pussy Cat is different. I got Mr. Pussy Cat for you all by myself. Mr. Pussy Cat's got thought behind him. Mr. Pussy Cat is a *real* present."

The oval face looked down at the bedraggled cat, and the purring surged up again. Sighing, the little boy's mother put the cat down on the floor. Then she knelt down beside the little boy and put her hands on his shoulders.

"Thank you, Philip," she said, and hugged him.

Mr. Pussy Cat watched them for a moment more, then stole quietly into the living room and approached the Christmas tree, its lights shimmering and glittering on the tinsel looped from bough to bough. Beneath the tree he discovered the silver pistol and the red rocking horse and the toy box. Further under the tree, stuffed back amid other prettier presents and wrappings and ribbon, pushed back as though it were hidden, he found the culprit kimono.

Purring quietly, secure in the knowledge that he was welcome, he crept cautiously beneath the Christmas tree, careful of the baubles, and lay down on the kimono. He started to wash for Christmas dinner.



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Show Reports

PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION (ACFA), Vancouver, B.C., Canada, August 25-26, 1958. ALL BREED—Judge, Irene Powell. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Klinkhammer's Charmer, OE Wh m, Klinkhammer. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SH, Best SL—Kilbourn's Bunney Heather, PF f, Kilbourn. OS Gr Ch—Almar's Cupcake, CP f, Anderson. OS SH, OS SL—Eagle M's Chief Wilhelmin, CP m, Haworth. Best Nov—Wolfgang Liebster of Timfy, BP m, Denny. OS Nov—Wolfgang Fraumde of Timfy, SP f, Denny. Best Open—Kilbourn's Royal Highlander, CP m, Kilbourn. OS Open—Penny's Scherzade, BP f, Penny. OS LH, OS SC—Gr Ch Klinkhammer's Angelette, OE Wh f, Klinkhammer. Best T&T—Armagh's Annabell Muft, Tortie, Lanthier. Best DSH—Ch Salsbury's Snowball, BE Wh f, Salsbury. Best Aby—Gr Ch Abigal of Shermex, f, Arps. OS Aby—Gr Ch Selene's Sha of Shermex, m, Arps. Best Burmese—Gr Ch Folly Sou Ha of Wila Ranch, f, Schmidt. OS Burmese—Folly U Sabu, m, Aaron. Best RB—Gr Ch Folly Blue Peter, m, Aaron. OS RB—Ch Folly Sonja, f, Aaron. Best Kit—Folly Sambo, BP m, Aaron. OS Kit—Hart's Laurel, BP f, Hart. Best Neuter—Penny's Chang Tol, SP, Benson. Best Spay—Ch Chatami Lady Aleyn of Persepolis, Chin, MacMillan. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. C. N. Krebs.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC—Klinkhammer's Charmer, OE Wh m, Klinkhammer. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov—Allison's Bunkey, Blue m, Allison. OS Gr Ch, 2nd Best Female—Klinkhammer's Angelette, OE Wh f, Klinkhammer. Best Ch—Allison's Rocky, Cr m, Allison. OS Ch—Klinkhammer's Bonnetta, BE Wh f, Klinkhammer. OS Nov—Klinkhammer's Jewel, OE Wh f, Klinkhammer. Best T&T—Armagh's Annabell Muft, Tortie, Lanthier. Best Kit—Lone Pine Blackmoor, Blk m, MacMillan. Best Neuter—Stormy Weather's Peter of Armagh, Red, Black. Best Spay—Gr Ch Ting A Ling's Ying Ying, BP, Barr. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. C. N. Krebs.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best FSH, Best Aby—Selene's Sha of Shermex, m, Arps. 2nd Best Cat, Best Cat, Best Nov, OS FSH, Best SL—Wolfgang's Fraumde of Timfy, SP f, Denny. Best Ch, OS SL, 2nd Best Male—Eagle M's Chief Wilhelmin CP m, Haworth. OS Gr Ch—Almar's Cupcake, CP f, Anderson. OS CH—Tonka Wah's Jetchana, SP f, Norpark. OS Nov—Beaver's Mikal of Shermex, BE m, Arps. Best Open—Kilbourn's Royal Highlander, CP m, Kilbourn. OS Open—Penny's Scherzade, BP f, Penny. Best SC, Best RB—Gr Ch Folly Blue Peter, m, Aaron. OS SC, OS RB—Ch Folly Felicia of Shermex, f, Arps. Best DSH—Ch Salsbury's Snowball, BE Wh f, Salsbury. OS Aby—Gr Ch Abigal of Shermex, f, Arps. Best Burmese—Gr Ch Folly Sou Ha of Wila Ranch, f, Schmidt. OS Burmese—Folly U Sabu, m, Aaron. Best Kit—Folly Sambo, BP m, Aaron. OS Kit—Folly Katy, RB f, Aaron. Best Neuter—Penny's Chang Tol, SP, Benson. Best Spay—Gr Ch Ting A Ling's Ying Ying, BP, Barr.

CALGARY CAT CLUB (ACFA) 1st Ch. Show, Calgary, Alberta, September 19-20, 1958. ALL BREED—Judge, Evelyn King. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SH, Best SL, Best Aby, Abigal of Shermex, f, Arps. 2nd Best Cat, Best LH, Best SC—Gr Ch Klinkhammer's Angelette, OE Wh, f, Klinkhammer. OS Cat, Best Ch, OS FSH, Best SL—Elo-ye's Choo-Sen, f, Elo-ye Cattery. OS Gr Ch, OS Aby—Selene's Sha of Shermex, m, Arps. OS Ch, Best SL—Qd. Ch Calure Gala of Chatami, f, Ferguson. Best Nov—Rio Casa Darla of Chatami, Chin Sil, f, Powell. OS Nov—Simco Stampeder, BP, m, Bates. Best Open—Wolfgang's Liebest of Timfy, BP, m, Denny. OS Open—King's Starla of Mac-Kim, SP, f, Carter. OS LH, OS SC—Klinkhammer's Prince Charm, BE Wh, m, Klinkhammer. OS SL—Silver Dawn's Lauren, Chin, f, Penny. Best T&T—Gilmore's Martie II, f, Allison. OS SL—Fan-T-Cee Valleejo of Phil-Lori's, SP, f, Wohlegemuth. Best Manx—Gr Ch Xantha's Nicholas, Bl, m, Cockeram. OS Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Reva—Bl, f, Allison. Best RB—Ch. Beaver's Mikal of Shermex, m, Arps. OS RB—Dbl. Ch. Folly Felicia of Shermex, f, Arps. Best Kit—Shermax Alexandra, Aby, f, Maling. OS Kit—Sekho, BP, m, Gale. Best Neuter—Macaroni, DSH, Wegner. Best Spay—Watermill Trinkabella, SP, Maling. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY, Judge, Bertha Montpelier.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Chatami Chamois, Cr, m, Powell. 2nd Best Cat—Klinkhammer's Prince Charm, BE Wh, m, Klinkhammer. OS Cat, Best Gr Ch, OS SC—Klinkhammer's Angelette, OE Wh, f, Klinkhammer. OS Ch—Chatami Solette Cr, f, Powell. Best Nov—Persepolis Sheba, Bl, f, MacMillan. OS Nov—Persepolis Harvest Moon Bl, m, MacMillan. Best Open, Best SL—Fergus's Lady Roxanne of Fay's, Blk Sm, f, Ferguson. OS Open—Ch. Dixiland Montpelier Beau, OE Wh, m, MacMillan. OS SL—Silver Dawn's Lauren, Sh Sil, m, Penny. Best T&T—Gilmore's Martie II, f, Allison. Best Kit—Persepolis Starlight, OE Wh, m, MacMillan. OS Kit—Persepolis Easter Bonnetta, Blue, f, MacMillan. Best Neut—Ch. Persepolis Rags, Blk Sm, MacMillan. Best Spay—Lady Meyne of Persepolis, Chin Sil, MacMillan. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Bertha Montpelier.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SL—King's Blue Echo of Lunell's, BP, m, Jones. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Gr Ch, OS FSH, Best Aby—Abigal of Shermex, f, Arps. OS Gr Ch, Best Manx—Xantha's Nicholas, Bl, m, Allison. OS Ch—Fan-T-Cee Valleejo of Phil-Lori's, SP, f, Wohlegemuth. Best Nov—Krebs Jason of Beaumanoir, BP, m, McFarland. OS Nov—Betsy Ginty, SP, f, Adamson. Best Open, OS SL—Wolfgang's Fraumde of Timfy, SP, f, Denny. OS Open—Elo-ye's Friendship of Lunell's, CP, m, Jones. BEST SC & OS SC—(not given). Best DSH—Uncle Sam, Bl, m, Humphreys. OS Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Reva, Bl, f, Allison. OS Aby—Gr. Ch. Selene's Sha of Shermex, m, Arps. Best RB—Ch. Beaver's Mikal of Shermex, m, Arps. OS RB—Dbl. Ch. Folly Felicia of Shermex, f, Arps. Best Kit—Gee of Ting-A-Ling, BP m, Barr. OS Kit—Shermax Alexandra, Aby, f, Maling. Best Neut—Tooki Toy, SP, Wilson. Best Spay—Watermill Trinkabella, SP, Maling.

CASCADE CAT FANCIERS (ACFA) 4th Ch. Show, Kirkland, Washington, August 3, 1958. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best LH, Best SC, Klinkhammer's Charmer, OE Wh, m, Klinkhammer. 2nd Best Cat, Best SH, Best FSH, Best RB—Gr Ch Folly Blue Peter, m, Aaron. OS Cat, OS Gr Ch, OS SH, OS FSH, Best SL—Almar's Cupcake, CP f, Anderson. OS Cat, OS LH, OS SC—Driftwood's Witch Hazel, Blue, f, Rankin. OS Ch, OS SL—Krebs' Don Juan, FP, m, Krebs. Best Nov—Blue Diamond's White Christmas, OE Wh, f, Hopey. OS Nov—September Boy, Blue, m, Butterfield. Best Open—Fan-T-Cee Valleejo of Phil-Lori's, SP, f, Wohlegemuth. OS Open—Klinkhammer's Prince Charm, BE Wh, m, Klinkhammer. Best SL—Ch. Silver Dawn's Brenda, Sh Sil, f, Eckenburg. OS SL—Silver Dawn's Gerry, Sh Sil, m, Eckenburg. Best T&T—September Symphonette, Bl Cr, f, Butterfield. OS T&T, OS DSH—Gr Ch Gilmore's Eric the Red, Red Thy, m, Allison. Best DSH—Gr Ch Midnight Shadow of Golden Shadows, Blk f, Setzer. Best Manx—Gr Ch Xantha's Nicholas, Blk, m, Allison. OS Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Reva, Blk, f, Allison. Best Aby—Gr Ch Selene's Sha of Shermex, m, Arps. OS Aby—Gr Ch Abigal of Shermex, f, Arps. Best Bur—Ch. Yindling Dark Dancer, f, King. OS Bur—Folly U Sabu, m, Aaron. OS RB—Dbl Ch Folly Felicia of Shermex, f, Arps. Best Kit—Krebs' Lanvin, BP SL, f, Krebs. OS Kit—Folly Kato, RB, m, Aaron. Best Neuter—Persepolis Rags, Blk Sm, m, MacMillan. Best Spay—Ch Shermex Mikoya, RB, f, Arps. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Pearl H. Allison.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Chatami Chamois, Cr, m, Powell. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, OS SC—Allison's Rockette, Cr, f, Allison. Best Gr Ch—Klinkhammer's Charmer, OS White, m, Klinkhammer. OS Gr Ch—Klinkhammer's Angelette, OE White, f, Klinkhammer. OS Ch—Driftwood's Witch Hazel, BP, f, Rankin. Best Nov—September Boy, BP, m, Butterfield. OS Nov—Blue Diamond's White Christmas, OE Wh, f, Hopey. OS Open—Klinkhammer's Prince Charm, BE Wh, m, Klinkhammer. Best SL—Silver Dawn's Gerry, Sh Sil, m, Eckenburg. OS SL—Ch. Silver Dawn's Brenda, Sh Sil, f, Eckenburg. Best T&T—September Symphonette, Bl Cr, f, Butterfield. Best Neuter—Persepolis Rags, Blk Sm, m, MacMillan. Best Spay—Dbl. Spay Ch.

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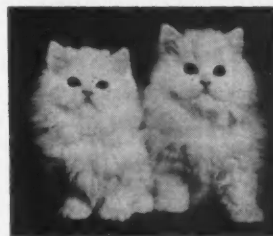
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December

- 6-7—LaMesa, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Michael O'Brien); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Ralph Mabie).
 6-7—Sarasota, Florida—COMBINED SHOWS: Circus City Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH & SH Specialties (Lynne Van der Poel). The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Carl Darnell); LH & SH Specialties (Lorraine Weisemann).
 6-7—Columbia, C. C.—Palmetto Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
 6-7—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (H. B. Zieses); LH Specialty (Stella Harlos); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Cecil Novak).
 6-7—Tucson, Arizona—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (LaVona Wright); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. T. A. Dobyns).
 6-7—Elizabeth, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt & Mrs. D. Sample—Referee: Elsie Hydon); LH Specialties (Rita Swenson); SH Specialties (Mrs. John Hunter).
 13-14—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); SC, T&T Specialties (Stella Harlos); DSH, Siamese Specialties (Sven Nelson).

January

- 10-11—White Plains, N. Y.—(COMBINED SHOWS) Westchester Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter and Mrs. Francis Herms—Referee: thea); Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH Specialty (Blanche Wolfram); Siamese & All SH ex Siamese Specialties (H. B. Zieses).
 10-11—Fort Wayne, Ind.—Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Louise Reed); LH & SH Specialties (Naomi Favors).
 10-11—Pasadena, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); SC & SH Specialties (Mrs. L. Darrel Sample); Silver Specialty (Mrs. M. E. Farmer).
 17-18—Miami, Fla.—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston); LH Specialty (Mrs. Clarence Day); SH Specialty (Mrs. Laura Graham).
 17-18—Pittsburgh, Pa.—COMBINED SHOWS: Allegheny Valley Cat Club of Pittsburgh (CFF). All Breed (Betty Youngman); LH & SH Specialties (Grace Stoneburner). Lake Erie Cat Club of Cleveland (CFF). All Breed (Gertrude Hamaker); LH & SH Specialties (Alice Dugan).
 24-25—Phoenix, Arizona—Canyon State Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed & Specialties (Lucy Clingan and Ruth McNaughtan).
 24-25—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH and SH Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).
 24-25—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club. All Breed (Robert Martin); LH & SH Specialties (Blanche Wolfram).
 24-25—Clearwater, Florida—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH & SH Specialties (Ree Rathburn).
 31-Feb. 1—Memphis, Tenn.—Memphis Dixieland Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH & SH Specialties (Helen Mueller).
 31-Feb. 1—Beaver Falls, Pa.—Pittsburgh Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed and LH & SH Specialties. (Frances Herms and Kay McQuillen).

February

- 7-8—Napa, Calif.—Contra Costa Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Rosamund Flynn); LH Specialty (Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Richard Birkett).
 7-8—Rockford, Illinois. (COMBINED SHOWS) Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Dr. R. C. Boren); LH & SH Specialties (Lynne Vanderpoel). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH & SH Specialties (Lorraine Wieseman).
 7-8—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Jack Foster); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. T. A. Dobyns).
 14-15—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Zieses). Specialties (tha).
 14-15—New Orleans, La.—Cat Fanciers of New Orleans (ACA). All Breed (Jasperine H. Jones); LH and SH Specialties (Helena Price).
 14-15—Las Vegas, Nevada—Golden Meadow Felines (ACFA). All Breed (Richard Millhouse); LH & SH Specialties (tha).
 14-15—Minneapolis, Minnesota. ANNUAL MEETING ACFA. (COMBINED SHOWS) Gopher State Cat Club (ACFA) All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH & SH Specialties (Irene Powell). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Carl Darnell); LH & SH Specialties (Patricia Krebs).

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Lady Aleyne of Persopolis, Chin Sil P. f, MacMillan. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. C. C. Barr.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC, Best RB—Folly Blue Peter, RB, m, Aaron. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sia—Fan-T-ee Shan-Tang of Phil-Lori's, BP, m, Wohlgeuth. OS Cat, OS Gr Ch, OS SC, Best Bur—H.M. Gr Ch Folly Sou Ha of Wila Ranch, f, Schmidt. OS Gr Ch, OS DSH—Gr Ch Midnight Shadow of Golden Shadows, Blk DSH, f, Setzer. OS Ch, OS Sia—Fan-T-Cee Electra of Krebs, BP, f, Krebs. Best Nov—Shermax Tirette, Aby, f, Arps. OS, Nov—Chantra Nikki San, BP, m, Moon. Best Open—Fan-T-Cee Vallejo of Phil-Lori's, SP, f, Wohlgeuth. OS Open—Beaver's Mikal of Shermax, RB, m, Arps. Best T&T, Best DSH—Gr Ch Gilmore's Eric the Red, Blk Thy, m, Allison. OS T&T—Gr Ch Gilmore's Lili, Rd Thy, Allison. Best Manx—Gr Ch Xantha's Nicholas, Blk, m, Allison. OS Manx—Ch Gilmore's Reva Blk, f, Allison. Best Aby—Gr Ch Abigail of Shermax, f, Arps. OS Aby—Gr Ch Selene's Sha of Shermax, m, Arps. OS Burm—Folly U. Sabu, m, Aaron. OS RB—Dhl. Ch. Folly Felicia of Shermax, f, Arps. Best Kit—Folly Kato, RB, m, Aaron. OS Kit—Krebs' Lanvin, BP, f, Krebs. Best Neuter—Krebs' Henry, SP, m, Detwiler. Best Spay—Ch Shermax Mikoya, RB, f, Arps.

MOHAWK VALLEY CAT FANCIERS (ACA) 1st Ch. Show, September 13, 1958, Aitmont, N. Y. ALL BREED—Judge, Florence Leopold. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Dixi-Land Sir Gal of Nor-Mont, Blue m, Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, Best SH, Best Sia—Ch Bull'h Houdini, SP m, Learn. OS Cat, Best Open, OS LH, Best Sil—Bean Ridge Hi-Fi, Sh Sil f, Bean. Best Gr Ch, Best Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, Blk f, Biemann. OS Ch, OS SH, OS Aby—Calypso Delire, f, Herz. Best Nov—Don Miguel of Tally Ho, Cr m, Sorenson. OS Nov—Chi Carsons Chai Lai, SP f, German. OS Open, OS Sil—Jim-Me's Don Juan, Sh Sil m, Seeds. OS SC—Cotton Ball of Rose Lane, OE Wh f, Bean. Best T&T—Lavender Belle Barba of Robway, Bl Gr, Thompson. OS T&T—Elmrose Randy Boy, Red Thy m, Luddy. OS Sia—Pomonock's Daphne of Millbrook, SP f, Learn. Best DSH—Ch Silver Sir Jokko, Sil Thy m, Luddy. OS DSH—Ch Miss Midnight, Blk f, Perkins. Best Aby—Ch Selene's Firefly, m, Schuler. Best RB—Ch Casa Gatos Zorina O'Bozrae, f, Schuler. Best Kit—Van Lyn's Valentine, FP m, Van der Poel. OS Kit—Skyway's Dolly Dimples, Blue f, Schuh. Best Neuter—Bonnie Brae Tock, BP, Scott. Best Spay—Sherwood's Kultura, Burmese, Grup. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Ruth McNaughtan.** Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SC—Karen Hills Pirate, BE Wh m, Hills. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Dixi-Land Sir Gal of Nor-Mont, Blue m, Hoag. OS Cat, Best Open, Best T&T—Julie of McKinley Park, Red Thy f, Fouque. OS Ch, Best Sil—Bellham's Heather Bell, Ch f, Bellham. OS Nov—Lavender Belle Barba of Robway, Bl Cr, Thompson. OS Open—Nor-Mont Jerre of Skyway, Blue m, Schuh. OS SC—Carer Girl of Nor-Mont, Blue f, Hoag. OS Sil—Ch Kerry-Lu Smoke, Smoke m, Schuh. OS T&T—Elmrose Randy Boy, Red Thy m, Luddy. Best Kit—Jim-Me's Onliwon, Chin m, Seeds. OS Kit—Elmrose Cherrybell, Red Thy f, Luddy. Best Neuter—Tupper, Brn Thy, Davies. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Ruth McNaughtan.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Aby—Selene's Firefly, m, Schuler. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Fan-T-Cee Way-farer of New Moon, SP m, Headley. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—Pomonock's Daphne of Millbrook, SP f, Learn. Best Gr Ch, Best Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, Blk f, Biemann. OS Ch, OS Aby—Calypso Delire, f, Herz. Best Nov—Sil Sturion, BP f, Dickens. OS Nov—Shawnee Basil of Rasmu, CP m, Scott. Best SC, Best RB—Ch Casa Gatos Zorina O'Bozrae, f, Schuler. OS SC—Henri, Blk DSH m, Van Meter. Best DSH, Best T&T—Ch Silver Sir Jokko, Sil Thy m, Luddy. OS DSH—Ch Miss Midnight, Blk f, Perkins. OS T&T—Ch Miss Mifft, Bl Cr DSH f, Perkins. Best Kit—Selene's Caprice, RB f, Schuler. OS Kit—Van Lyn's Valentine, FP m, Van der Poel. Best Neuter—Bonnie Brae Tock, BP, Scott. Best Spay—Sherwood's Kultura, Burmese, Grup.

GREATER DETROIT CAT CLUB (ACA), 1st Ch Show, Detroit, Michigan, Sept. 6-7, 1958. ALL BREED—Judge, Doris Hobbs. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Lee's Hit-Hat Sweet Regardless, BE Wh f, Wilson. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, OS LH, OS SC—Great Lakes LeDuke of Rosemont, Blk m, Thorne. Best Gr Ch—Lee's Hit-Hat Champaign, Cr m, Wilson. Best SH, Best Sia, OS Open—Dama-Yanti of Neja, SP f, Hall. OS Ch, OS SH, Best Burmese—Kon Ke Ke KoKoMo, m, Slaughter. OS Sia—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Daly. Best Nov—Blue Gables Champaign II, Cr m, Wilson. OS Nov—Craz-E Sassafraz, Odd E Wh f, Craze. Best Sil—Lowood's Little Sheba, Chin f, Gardiner. BOX Sil—(Not given). Best T&T—Ch Blue Gables Glamour Girl, Bl Cr, Wilson. OS T&T—Bud-O Sir Pix, Sil Thy m, Butler & Dosche. Best DSH—Don-Amie of Dalai, Sil Thy f, Daly. OS DSH—Blue Grass Cigarette of Scioto, Smoke m, Blayney. Best Manx—Xantha's Candace of Tra-Mar, Blk f, Tracy. OS Manx—Tra-Mar's Woodcutter, Blk m, Tracy. Best Aby—Selene's Hu Dini of Kalyan, m, Hamling. OS Aby—Kalyan Amber of Kon Ke Ke, f, Slaughter. OS Burmese—Ch Kon Ke Ke Reeba Ka, f, Slaughter. Best Kit—Skyway's Dolly Dimples, Blue f, Schuh. OS Kit—Karen Hills Blue Knight, Blue m, Hills. Best Neuter—Blue Gables Tammy, Halderman. Best Spay—Ch Warwick's White Heather, Thomas. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Ruth McNaughtan.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Sini June of Dawn, Cr f, Millbeck. 2nd Best Cat—Ch Lee's Hit-Hat Sweet Regardless, BE Wh f, Wilson. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Dawn Patrol of Babylon, Blue m, Farlan. Best Nov—Nor-Mont Jerre of Skyway, Blue m, Schuh. OS Nov—Craz-E Roxanne, Blue f, Craze. Best Open, Best T&T—Noel's Easter Parade, Tortie, Barstis. OS Open—Noel's Lohengrin-AKA Mr Anonymous, Red m, Millbeck. Best Sil—Skyway's Smoky Ella, Smoke f, Schuh. OS Sil—Ch Kerry Lu Smoke Gem, Smoke m, Schuh. OS T&T—Bud-O Sir Pix, Sil Thy m, Butler & Dosche. Best Kit—Skyway's Silver Knight, Sh Sil m, Schuh. OS Kit—Vherna's April Dawn, OE Wh f, Nehra. Best Neuter—Blue Gables Tammy, Halderman. Best Spay—Ch Warwick's White Heather, Thomas. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Ruth McNaughtan.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Dama Yanti of Neja, SP f, Hall. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SC, Best Manx—Xantha's Candace of Tra-Mar, Blk f, Tracy. OS Cat, Best Ch, OS SC, Best Burmese—Kon Ke Ke KoKoMo, in, Slaughter. OS Ch—Ch Fan-T-Cee's Will-O-Wee of Tap Toe, BP f, Dzbanaki. OS Nov, OS Sia—Kalyan Cha-Mo, SP m, Hamling. OS Open, Best Aby—Selene's Hu Dini of Kalyan, m, Hamling. Best T&T, Best DSU—Don-Amie of Dalai, Sil Thy f, Daly. Best Sil, OS DSH—Blue Grass Cigarette of Scioto, Smoke m, Blayney. OS Manx—Tra-Mar's Woodcutter, Blk m, Tracy. OS Aby—Kalyan Amber of Kon Ke Ke, f, Slaughter. OS Burmese—Ch Kon Ke Ke Reeba Ka, f, Slaughter. Best Kit—Hi Ree Frosty of Ammon Ra, FP m, Magner. OS Kit—Dalai Hone Amber of Deep Ace, Burmese f, Shovan.

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- 21-22—Dallas, Texas (COMBINED SHOWS) North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Bert Tebbetts); Breed Specialties (Leigh Manley); American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Phyllis Whitney).
- 21-22—Philadelphia, Pa.—William Penn Cat Club (CFA). All Breed Genevieve O'Neill; LH & SH Specialties (Blanche Wolfram).
- 21-22—San Mateo, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances MacCraken); Shorthair Specialty (Eloise Magnan); LH Specialty (tba).
- 28-Mar. 1—Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Martin). LH & SH Specialties (Lee).
- 28-Mar. 1—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Naomi Favors—LH; Frances Herms—SH); LH Specialty (Stella Calvert); Siamese Specialty (Kay McQuillen); All Shorthair = Siamese (Kay McQuillen).
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- 7-8—Portland, Oregon—Rose City Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed & Specialties (tba).
- 7-8—Las Vegas, Nevada—Purple Sage Cat Fanciers of Southern Nevada.
- 7-8—Lincoln, Nebraska—(COMBINED SHOWS) Cornhusker Cat Club of Lincoln (ACFA) and Midwest Cat Club of Kansas City (ACFA).
- 14—Edgely, Pa.—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances McCracken); LH Specialty (Jack Foster); SH Specialty (Winifred Steele Krawiecki).
- 29—Cambridge, Md.—Eastern Shore Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH Specialty (Margaret Lovett); SH Specialty (Lynn Vanderpoel); Siamese Specialty (Eileen Gleason).

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The Back Fence . . .

In truth, gentle reader, it does seem more like one month than twelve that we last went about caroling "Merry Christmas." It is wonderful the way those golden words keep their newness year after year after year. Lesser greetings and phrases become hackneyed through use, habit or insincerity. But somehow, no matter how many times you say those two magical words, you feel a warm glow in your heart and you find you really mean it. At any age, from ten to one hundred, we find them the nicest words we have learned. . . . **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Fitting in rather well at this time of the year is Marion Brady Kelly's article in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

She begins it with, "The Lord provides homes for kittens I guess." Mrs. Kelly holds her breath every time she finds the family cat, Charlotte, is enroute until all the babes have found good homes. She had a feeling they would run out of friends, relatives, farmers and acquaintances before their pet would run out on amour.

This last litter seemed to be the straw that would break the fantastic streak of luck that took care of the many Tippiys, many, many Susies and all the Georges.

"Heaven can be counted on after all." As both Mrs. Kelly and Charlotte were fussing over what to do with all these babies, the phone rang and a charming voice asked if this was the lady who had some kittens to give away. Indeed it was. Five to be exact. Would one of them happen to be a female?, this wonderful voice went on. A friend visiting from Chicago wanted to take a kitten home to her daughter. An old hand at kitten-giving, Mrs. Kelly suggested that she take two as they were small. She did!

Equally as miraculous was another phone call for a female. This family had always wanted a mother cat and kittens. It seemed such a good way to teach a child about life. (These gentle folks are in for a real lesson.)

"Now", Mrs. Kelly writes, "We have only a boy and a girl left, I think. Unless, of course, someone is looking for two boy kittens." Velly clever, these kitten givers-awayers.

Our own home-town paper, the *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph* ran a picture story that chased the redevelopment project to the back pages. James Pettican wrote an understanding article dealing with the cats living in the now demolished Lower Hill district. That entire area of dwellings was razed to make way for the proposed civic arena. When planning for the housing of the dispossessed tenants, they completely overlooked accommodations for the feline populace.

The authorities overlooked it, that is. Warm-hearted Tony DeLorenzo, who has a newsstand downtown first noticed the cats, lean, gaunt and empty-eyed, on his way home after checking in at the newspaper circulation department one day.

Next day, Tony was seen walking up the rubble strewn streets carrying a shopping bag filled with milk, sardines, and scraps of meat. Each evening now, Tony can be found sitting on a curb, his crutches beside him, feeding his feline family.

Tony seems to sense the independent nature of a cat, the part of them that keeps them living when all seems to be gone . . . perhaps that is why he lends a hand.

The Society for the Protection of Animals in Rome arranged a festival meal of tripe for the city's horde of cats, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Cat lovers toured the streets, serving tripe at dinner time, converging on the Colosseum, the Forum, and other historical ruins where for generations cats have made their homes.

According to the *Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, as a city, could do better by their feline citizens. Muriel Dobbins had a page article on the situation there.

Generally speaking, the Baltimoreans have nothing in common with the ancient Egyptians who are said to have shaved off their eyebrows as a sign of grief when the family cat died. The telephone directory lists cats under dogs . . . and the local S.P.C.A. reports only a sad eight per cent of all cats picked up finding homes. One exception was Cuddles, a Persian left completely equipped with food dishes, toys, leash, catnip and a note pleading for a good home, on the Catholic Cathedral steps.

Friends of cats living in Baltimore are sculptor Reuben Kramer and his wife Perna. They have rescued at least eighteen strays. One of their favorites was Jordan, who took advantage of human sympathy and limped even after a sore paw was completely healed.

Sophie Graves, a Humane Society employee with about twenty years service record, would be another person with whom any homeless cat in Baltimore would do well to get in touch. She estimates her family has owned about one hundred cats, all strays.

There is still remembered, in the city, Napoleon, who forecast wet weather by sleeping on his stomach with his face between his paws. He had his shining hour when he predicted rain of the forty-first day of the 1930 drought. And it did. Meteorologist magnificent.

Dr. Lawrence Baker, a Baltimore Junior College professor, owns thirteen cats of which three are Siamese, along with twelve dogs. So well-adjusted are they that the dogs bring the cats home if they stray by canine logic too far from home.

Five in the morning is Siamese Breakfast and Dr. Baker has learned he had best remember it. Two of these prodigies will only eat if fed on the top of the refrigerator. Use the damask and the candles this morning, please. It is still dark at that hour.

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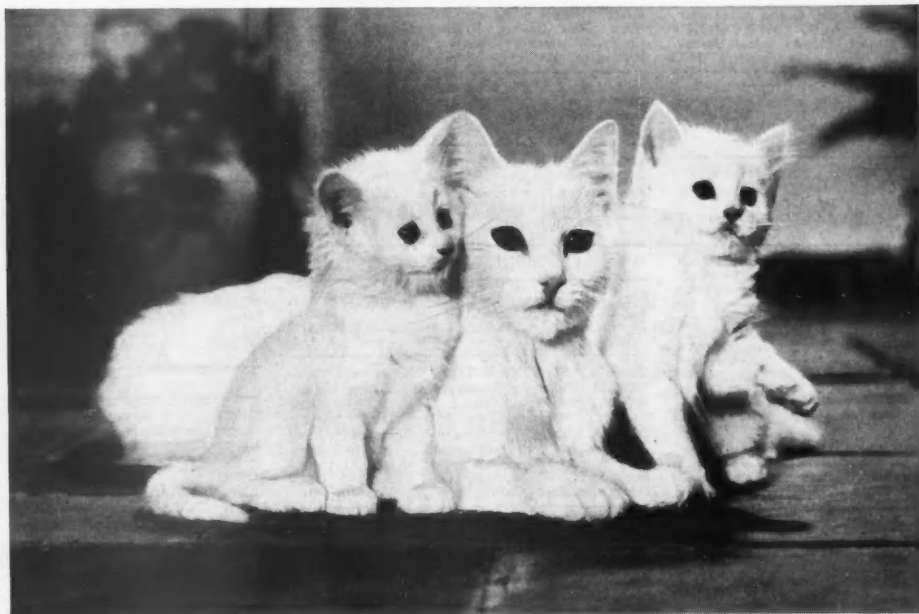
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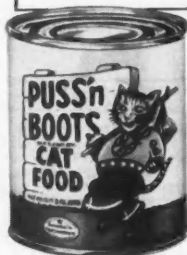
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